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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Duron Lee, University Park, Illinois, DOB: 04/23/82, pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court in Madison to possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine and possessing a firearm in furtherance of that drug crime. United States District Judge John C. Shabaz scheduled sentencing for October 20, 2005, at 1:45 p.m. Lee faces a maximum penalty of twenty years in prison on the crack cocaine charge. A mandatory minimum five-year sentence will be imposed for the firearm offense and ordered to run consecutively to the term of imprisonment imposed on the drug offense.

On April 27, 2005, Lee was a passenger in a vehicle that was stopped by the Madison Police Department. Lee provided a false name when questioned by law enforcement officers and fled when they tried to identify him. When Lee fled, he left his coat behind, which contained a loaded Ruger 9mm pistol with an obliterated serial number. Officers caught up with Lee and a search incident to arrest revealed eight rocks of crack cocaine in his pants pocket, \$3112.00 United States currency, and a fully loaded handgun magazine.

The charges against Lee were the result of an investigation conducted by

the Madison Police Department, the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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